bridges as the existing bridges have become very old;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the steps taken to repair the existing bridges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Total No. of river bridges situated on N.H. 5 in Orissa is 125.

(b) to (d). There is a proposal to construct one two lane high level bridge across Palasuni river in lieu of the existing submersible bridge at the same location. Further, there are proposals for construction of four major new river bridges across rivers Mahanadi, Kuakhai, Kathjori and Palasuni on the additional two lanes on Bhubaneswar-Cuttack-Jagatpur Section of NH 5.

**Contempt of Court Petitions Pending in Supreme Court**

4818. SHRI A. CHARLES: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any contempt of court petitions are pending in the Supreme Court; and

(b) if so, the number thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b). As per information furnished by the Supreme Court Registry, as on 17th December, 1991, 248 Contempt of Court Petitions were pending in the Supreme Court.

**Guwahati Stock Exchange**

4819. SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Guwahati Stock Exchange had admitted members during the first three years of its recognition by the Government on an undertaking that the members so admitted must give up business/profession carried on by them at the time of their admission within five years thereafter or loss their membership;

(b) whether the above exchange has taken any steps to enforce the compliance of the said undertaking by its members who have already completed five years of such membership;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Report of Cotton Sweaters to US**

4820. SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the bilateral agreement with US regarding textile exports the Government have conceded to US condition to reduce the quantum of export of cotton sweaters; and

(b) if so, the remedial measures proposed to be taken by the Government to help the cotton sweater exporters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b). Recently, an understanding has been reached between India and USA regarding the access levels for India's textiles and clothing products in the US market for 1992. Under this Agreement, cotton sweaters falling under CAT 345 has been shifted from Group-II to Group-I and a quota level of 120,000 dozen pcs for 1992 with an annual growth of 7% has been prescribed. This represents a substantial increase over the actual exports of 1991.

**Inflow of Sri Lankan Currency in Tamil Nadu**

4821. SHRI R. SRIDHARAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware of the alleged increase in the flow of Sri Lankan currency into Tamil Nadu and utilisation thereof in real estate business there;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have conducted or propose to conduct investigation in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No such inflow and utilisation of Sri Lankan currency in real estate business has come to notice.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

**Restoration of Seniority in AFHQ Civil Service**

4822. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the seniority of staff in different grades of AFHQ civil service has been restored in view of the Supreme Court Judgement of 1989;

(b) if not, the reasons for inordinate delay in implementation of the judgement; and

(c) when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c). The Supreme Court vide judgement delivered on 21 Feb. 89 in Civil Appeals Nos. 4133-34/84, filed by Shri DP Sharma & others and Shri S.C. Aggarwal & others, had taken the view that the seniority, in the grade of LDC, of the petitioners should be determined on the basis of their length of service irrespective of their date of confirmation. Accordingly, action to revise the seniority in respect of the 13[illegible] individuals, who were the original petitioners before the Delhi High Court, was immediately initiated. However, before orders relating to consequential benefits arising out of the revision of seniority could be issued, the Supreme Court delivered another judgement on 9 Jan. 91, in Writ Petition No. 493/90 filed by Shri. R.K. Khosla and others, widely enlarging the scope of the 1989 judgement and making it applicable to all the similarly placed employees. This has rendered the earlier review of seniority more or less inoperative.

2. Implementation of the judgement delivered in 1989, as enlarged in 1991, is a massive task involving revision of seniority of thousands of employees over a period of approximately 40 years. While arrangements have been made for expeditious implementation of the Court's orders, considering the magnitude of the